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Synopsis: In February, 1964, Wolper Productions, Hollywood, California, furnished photo of audience reportedly assembled at Houston, Texas, in September, 1960, when (then) Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY appeared before group of ministers. Los Angeles source noted person in photo resembled Subject LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Investigation at Houston, Texas, on 3/16/64 identified person in question as Rev. JAMES W. GUNN, Presbyterian minister who was present at above political meeting and identified his photo in this group. Houston ministers who attended meeting stated attendance by invitation only to ministers and members of press.

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DETAILS: AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA:

On February 13, 1964, DAVID WOLPER, Wolper Productions, 8720 Sunset Boulevard, advised that his company produces television programs and had produced one program entitled "Making of the President, 1960." WOLPER explained this film concerned the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY and contained film clips of (then) Senator KENNEDY's appearance in Houston, Texas, in September, 1960, before an organization WOLPER identified as the Texas Ministerial Council.

WOLPER advised that he and several members of his staff had recently reviewed this documentary film and a number of individuals on his staff were convinced that one of the spectators sitting in the front row in the large

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group of people was LEE HARVEY OSWALD. WOLPER stated "it was either Oswald or somebody who sure looked like him." WOLPER furnished a copy of an enlarged still photograph made from a 16 mm movie frame which contained a photograph of the person WOLPER thought to be OSWALD. This person was identified by a small arrow made in ink on the face of the photograph.

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

On March 16, 1964, Reverend WILLIAM A. BAINE, Pastor, Bellaire Presbyterian Church, 5100 Bellaire Boulevard, advised that the meeting referred to above was actually sponsored and arranged by an organization known as the Ministerial Association of Greater Houston, which consists of most of the ministers in the Houston, Texas, area, and the membership includes Protestant, Catholic and Jewish ministers. In September, 1960, Reverend HERBERT MEZA was Assistant Minister of the Bellaire Presbyterian Church and also served as Vice President and Program Chairman of the Ministerial Association of Greater Houston. Reverend MEZA was largely responsible for organizing the program in September, 1960, when the late President KENNEDY made his famous appearance before the Houston group. Reverend BAINE pointed out that many political commentators felt that President KENNEDY's appearance before this group was one of the most significant events of the presidential campaign of that year. Reverend BAINE stated there were several hundred ministers invited to this meeting, and a committee was present at the door to see that all persons present were either ministers or members of the press.

The photograph referred to above, previously made available by DAVID WOLPER of Hollywood, California, was exhibited to Reverend BAINE who stated he believed the individual marked by an arrow was undoubtedly Reverend JAMES W. GUNN who was then serving as Presbyterian Minister to students at the University of Houston, Houston, Texas. Reverend BAINE stated he could positively identify the individual sitting directly behind the man in question as Reverend JOE OWEN, pastor of Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas. Reverend BAINE telephoned Reverend OWEN, who advised him he recalled the above meeting well, that he sat near the front of the auditorium to the left of the speaker's rostrum and that Reverend JAMES W. GUNN was sitting in front of him.

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On March 16, 1964, Reverend JAMES W. GUNN, 6265 South Main Street, advised that in September, 1960, he was serving as Presbyterian Minister to students and Director of Campus Christian Life at the University of Houston. Reverend GUNN stated he could recall well his attendance at the meeting of the Houston ministers at the Rice Hotel in September, 1960, when (then) Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY made his famous appearance during the presidential political campaign of that year. The above-mentioned photograph of a portion of this audience was exhibited to Reverend GUNN who immediately identified the photograph marked by an arrow as being that of himself. Reverend GUNN also identified the person sitting behind him as Reverend JOE OWEN, mentioned above. Reverend GUNN pointed out there were several hundred persons present, including a number of visiting ministers who appeared at the last minute from Corpus Christi, Texas. Reverend GUNN was unable to identify the individual appearing in this photograph on his immediate left but stated he felt sure this man was an ordained minister inasmuch as this meeting was open only to ministers and members of the press. Reverend GUNN further advised that the motion pictures and/or television tapes which were made on the evening in question were exhibited on several occasions to nation-wide audiences and a number of his old friends in various parts of the United States had subsequently written him to say they had seen him in this audience. Reverend GUNN acknowledged that his physical appearance is somewhat like that of LEE HARVEY OSWALD but stated he had never seen OSWALD and felt positive OSWALD could not have been present at the meeting in question.